

Parking Advisory Council Meeting

December 5, 2008

2:00 p.m.

A&F Conference Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Everett Malcolm (Chair), Diane Tanner, Jeff Durfee, Alison Cruess, Verna Urbanski, Elizabeth Hardy, Glenda Kelsey, Leslie Burch, James Cima, Ryan Ewing, Tom Blanchard.

Members Absent: N/A

Others Present: Vince Smyth (Auxiliary Services), Cindy Haile (Parking & Transportation Services), John Dean (UPD).

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 PM by Chair Everett Malcolm.

1. Approval of Minutes:

- With no changes noted, the November 14th minutes were approved as written.

2. Updates on Approval of Recommendations to VP Shuman:

- Everett Malcolm informed that all of the recommendations forwarded to VP Shuman have been approved by the President which result in another designation for the University of North Florida housing parking area and new permit category "Nighttime only (5pm- midnight)." These changes go into effect with the start of 2009-10 academic year.

3. Permit Fees for 2009-10:

- Everett Malcolm informed that in addition to any changes in permit fees for 2009-10 the Council needs to recommend the University of North Florida citation fees as well. Everett Malcolm further presented the idea behind raising citation fees stating that the 2007-08 Council agreed to increase the citation fees from \$30 to \$35 one year prior to the garage opening to support the revenue flow to aid expenses associated with this structure. Everett Malcolm added that due to unknown enrollment growth and the construction of the garage being pushed beyond 2012, his feeling is that the parking fees and citation fees should remain unchanged for 2009-10.
- Vince Smyth clarified that the previous Council worked out a plan that would incrementally increase citation fees to \$44.00 in 2012 and was supposed to raise that fee for the first time in 2009-10 to \$35.00. Vince Smyth agreed with Everett Malcolm and said that from the operational standpoint any changes in parking permit fees and citation fees are not needed for 2009-10.

- Tom Blanchard raised a question if and when the University of North Florida would be able to afford an additional garage structure. Vince Smyth responded that at this point of time there is uncertainty with future enrollment growth. Furthermore, Everett Malcolm stated that with an additional 1,000 parking spaces by the Fountains housing which opens in Fall of 2009 and the limited enrollment, the same permit structure that is currently in use should be maintained.
- A motion was made to retain the parking fees, daily parking fees, and citation fees at the level currently used by the University of North Florida for the 2009-10 academic year. The motion passed unanimously.
- Everett Malcolm opened the floor for discussion emphasizing that a rate for “Nighttime only (5pm- midnight)” needs to be specified.
- James Cima started the discussion stating that working students who attend their classes in the evening only, pay a higher tuition. His suggestion would be to price a new permit a little higher than annual Discount Permit but cheaper than annual Premium Permit. James Cima felt that \$115.00 would be a good median price for “Nighttime only (5pm- midnight)” category.
- Verna Urbanski asked where else on the campus would this permit work and was informed that the University of North Florida new parking category would only be active during mentioned hours (5pm- midnight) in Premium parking spaces in the core area of the campus and if there was a need for the student to access the University during day hours, a day pass would have to be purchased. Hearing this, Verna Urbanski felt that a new permit should be priced the same as Discount Permit, \$95.00, due to its limited hours.
- Leslie Burch agreed with Verna Urbanski’s suggestion and elaborated that even though the hours are limited, the students would have a privilege to park closer to the core, more convenient area of the campus.
- John Dean asked for clarification purposes if a new permit category would allow the students to park in Discount lots during the day and Everett Malcolm explained that this permit does not become active until 5pm and does not serve as Discount Parking Permit during day hours.
- Jeff Durfee asked if the students would be eligible to park in Discount lots for certain hours during the day but Everett Malcolm stated that one of the reasons why a new parking permit category was approved by the President was that the permit becomes active after 5pm and does not negatively impacting the parking ratios.

- Jeff Durfee expressed his concern that the students buying “Nighttime only (5pm- midnight)” permits will still have to buy additional permit passes when they need to visit the campus during the day.
- Leslie Burch argued that if this would be the case then students would not purchase Discount Permits anymore but choose “Nighttime only (5pm-midnight)” permits.
- Vince Smyth stated that in a case where students buy “Nighttime only (5pm-midnight)” permits and are allowed to park in the discount lots during the daytime hours and in the core area of the campus after 5pm, this could cause a parking problem after 5pm for students with regular Premium permits. Vince Smyth also added that in his understanding this new permit category was created specifically for night time working students who do not attend the University during the daytime hours.
- Leslie Burch supported Vince Smyth’s standpoint by adding that the complaints she is hearing from working students always regards a nighttime, convenient parking permit, not the daytime permit.
- Tom Blanchard suggested that for the nighttime only students there should be a discount while buying a daily pass (\$2.00 instead of \$3.00) if they needed to visit the campus during the day, but it was argued that this could cause dishonesty- the students would buy a daily pass at a discounted price and then hand it over to a student who is not eligible to do so.
- Everett Malcolm stated that a discount daily pass could only complicate University’s parking procedures and that it is desired to keep things as simple as they can be. On the other side, he encouraged the Council that any re-evaluation of the current procedures would be highly valued after “Nighttime only (5pm- midnight)” permits are actually implemented in the 2009-10 academic year.
- Tom Blanchard felt that the “Nighttime only (5pm- midnight)” permits should be priced cheaper than the Discount Permits and suggested \$90.00.
- Diane Tanner made a motion to price annual “Nighttime only (5pm-midnight)” parking permit at \$95.00.
In favor (six votes):
 - Diane Tanner
 - Alison Cruess
 - Elizabeth Hardy
 - Verna Urbanski
 - Glenda Kelsey
 - Ryan Ewing

Opposed (four votes):

- James Cima
- Jeff Durfee
- Leslie Burch
- Tom Blanchard

Total votes count: 10.

- Everett Malcolm stated that these recommendations will be forwarded to VP Shuman and, if supported, will go before the Audit and Finance Committee next week and to the Board of Trustees in January. If approved, these rates will go into effect in the Fall of 2009.
- Leslie Burch asked what the term rate for a new permit would be and she was informed that it is approximately 60% of the annual permit price, which in this case totals \$55.00.

4. Further Discussion on Parking Spaces for Hybrid Cars:

- James Cima stated that, in his eyes, parking spaces for hybrid cars do not seem to be justified taking into consideration that a very minimal number of students actually have relatively expensive, hybrid vehicles. He also added that at this point of time, where gas is an eight-year low, it does not appear as such spaces are needed on campus.
- Everett Malcolm suggested keeping this issue as an ongoing item on the agenda up until March of 2009 and see what the consensus is then.
- A question was raised how many points go toward LEED certification if hybrid spaces are implemented by the new buildings around the campus and Vince Smyth answered that it is one point. Vince Smyth added that, obviously, points can be attained in other ways specified by the LEED certification program, not necessarily through creating hybrid car parking spaces.

5. Other Business:

- James Cima asked how many disability spaces should the University of North Florida have and how many there actually are. Vince Smyth responded that according to the ADA Code, there should be a specific number in a lot, but in practice, putting more in core lots and less in remote lots makes more sense. Vince Smyth added that there are about 212 disability spaces which is a number that is higher than what the ADA Code requires if considering all campus spaces as a "parking area". Also, with Student Union coming in, there will be additional 16 disability spaces on the campus which will nicely

offset the loss of disability spaces in Lot 7 that most likely will not be serving the University of North Florida next academic year.

- Everett Malcolm added that in order to be a disability friendly campus, there need to be some extra spaces, not just the minimum legally required. Everett Malcolm further elaborated that as other events occur and the Fitness Center expands, what looks like a lot now in the Student Union area might not seem to look the same in the future when the traffic rate increase in the affected areas.
- Everett Malcolm asked if the Council members are familiar with the plan to convert the roadway in front of the Arena into a continuous plaza and suggested to bring in Zak Ovadia to January's meeting so he can present the plan to the Council members.

6. Meeting for Spring Term 2009:

- Everett Malcolm asked if the time (2:00 PM) and date (3rd Friday of every month) fits into Council members schedules in the Spring of 2009 and there was no objection from the Council. Hearing that, Everett Malcolm decided to keep the meetings in the same fashion as they were during the Fall of 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50. Prepared by Marta Morzynska.